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SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATING  
AND MANAGING AN  
ENTERPRISE IP  
ENVIRONMENT

**ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235  
June 19, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006 (the "Restriction Requirement"), Applicants elect to prosecute claims 8-18 for the above-referenced application (the "Subject Application").

**The Restriction Requirement**

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction of the claims in the Subject Application to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 8-18, drawn to matching information stored in the database, classified in class 707, subclass 6;

II. Claims 20-43 and 47, drawn to monitoring user actions, classified in class 717, subclass 127;

III. Claims 44-46, drawn to collecting statistical data, classified in class 725, subclass 9;

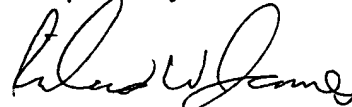
IV. Claims 48-50, drawn to providing non-disclosure agreements, classified in class 705, subclass 1; and

V. Claims 51-57, drawn to access control, classified in class 715, subclass 741.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute invention I, which includes claims 8-18. Applicant further retains his right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the Subject Application or in a divisional application.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to respond to the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, examination of the elected claims 8-18 of the Subject Application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicants' present response to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully Submitted



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